



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SEPTEMBER MEETING

Meeting. The Transportation Commission met on September 13, 2016, in Ames. The topics covered included:

Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Application — Sioux City. [RISE](#) is a program created in 1985 with the purpose of promoting economic development in Iowa through the establishment, construction, improvement, and maintenance of roads and streets. The Commission previously approved Sioux City's RISE application. At the meeting, Sioux City requested an increase of \$539,630 to the grant to add additional road improvements. The Commission approved the request, bringing the total grant to \$5,360,630. Click [here](#) for an economic analysis summary.

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Implementation Policies. The federal [FAST Act](#), passed in December 2015, authorized \$305.0 billion through a combination of federal Highway Trust Fund revenues and transfers from the general fund. It provides \$226.0 billion for the federal-aid highway program, \$61.0 billion for public transit programs, \$7.0 billion for highway safety programs, and \$10.0 billion for rail passenger programs. The Commission discussed and approved FAST Act implementation policies that were developed after stakeholder outreach and input. Click [here](#) for a description of the implementation policies.

Administrative Rules. The Department discussed and the Commission approved proposed [amendments](#) to the following code chapters:

- [761](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapters [424](#), [430](#), and [451](#) — A technical update to reflect the consolidation of two offices (the Office of Vehicle Services and the Office of Motor Carrier Services) into a single office known as the Office of Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services.
- [761](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [451](#) — Clarifies the process for issuing a certificate of designation as an authorized emergency vehicle. Iowa Code section [321.451](#) authorizes the Department to designate a privately owned vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle and to issue a certificate of designation for the vehicle. The amendment clarifies that the Department may deny the application for designation if it does not show that the vehicle will be used as an authorized emergency vehicle or if necessity for the designation has not been demonstrated. The amendment clarifies that the Department may deny an application or revoke designation if the applicant or certificate holder fails to comply with applicable provisions of Iowa Code sections [321.231](#) or [321.451](#), is no longer eligible for the certificate, or otherwise abuses use of the certificate. The amendment also specifies the appeal process for an applicant or certificate holder that is denied a certificate or whose certificate is revoked.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Commission will be October 10 and 11, 2016, in Dubuque.

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